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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Part B for ~~March~~ May 1937

SUBJECT.

Hermann Günther Voosen

Telephone Message.

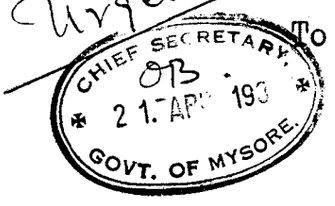
21st April 1937.
1-15 p.m.

From

The Private Secretary to the
Dewan of Mysore, Mysore.

Urgent

To



The Chief Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, Bangalore.

Mr. Vousen, German Journalist now a State Guest at Staff Quarters, Mysore, proposes to leave for Bangalore at 9 a.m. on 23rd instant. He will travel in a Government House Car and see the Mandya Sugar Factory and Sivasamudram Hydro-Electric Works on the way. He will be at Bangalore on the same evening and put up at the West End Hotel at his own cost. The car will however be placed at his disposal during his stay at Bangalore. I am to request you to kindly depute some one to show him the Factories etc., at Bangalore and also Kolar Gold Field if there is time and he wishes to go there. He may be introduced to Mr. Reeds of the Porcelain Factory and Dr. Naidu of the Serum Institute. The exact time of his arrival may be ascertained from Mr. Da Costa who is making arrangements for his visit to Mandya and Siva.

Serial No.

2) I have, as directed, ascerta
by phone from the Supt. Govt House, that
Wooten is a State guest at Staff quart
mysore from the 17th inst. He came to my
by the mail train from Bangalore
the 17th inst. He was putting at Staff qua
as a guest under instructions given by Sir Claude
Hotchkiss while he was in mysore leg.
he went to Japan.

3) As this behaviour is Conti
objectionable & his antecedents no
good, it may be suggested by the Govt.
India that steps may be taken t
accelerate his departure from Ind

4 Her orders as to the
arrangements to be made for him duri
The I.G.P. will also have to be informed
of his visit.

Chief Secy)

Also flag A

5th Kind reference is invited to flag I. The Sub
should have kept note of the arrival of
this gentleman. From the reports rec'd. it
seem that the visitor is an unwelcome
guest. It is for orders whether in view of
past record, any courtesy should be sh

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Re. Mr Voosen.

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to him at Bangalore or en route from Mysore

Voosen)

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21/4

Submitted

A copy of the telegram sent to the Chief Secretary is placed in the file for information

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6 At what hour and of a son as possible.

7 The Police must have been made aware of I.G.P. may be ascertained

Sd
22-4-37

MS
24/4.

8. Submitted with a draft of D.O. to D.G.P.

for approval.

MS
27/4

(1st member)

Revised draft with D.O. of even date.

MS
27/4

27 APR. 1937 KA. 7064

CHIEF SECRETARY 27 APR. 1937 GOVT. OF MYSORE

28/4/37

To. The Offg. Inspector General of Police

D.O. No. 2686 dated 28.4.1937

Observes that there has been lack of vigilance on the part of the Police in connection with the visit of Voosen to the State and enquires why the C.I.D failed to note the arrival of this individual and what arrangements had been made to watch his movements.

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Re. the visit of Mr Voosen to the State.

General and Revenue Secretariat | File No. CB/1954 of 193 . | [App. F. III—2

Serial No.

From. The Inspector General of Police

Do. No. S.B. 167/36-37 dated 10.5.37

Submits a detailed report in the matter.

Submitted for perusal.

No further action seems necessary.

For perusal.

(1st Member)

CHIEF SECY. 11 MAY 19 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

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Secret
D.O.No.F.18/1937.

THE RESIDENCY MYSORE

Bangalore, 24th March 1937.

CS 16-36-150

CHIEF SECRETARY * 25 MAR. 1937 * GOVT. OF MYSORE.

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Hermann Gunther Voosen.

Dear Mr. Kesavaiengar,

I am desired to enclose for the information of the Government of Mysore two copies of a secret circular memorandum No.1/For/37, dated the 15th March 1937, from the Intelligence Bureau, Home Department, Government of India, and to request that if there be no objection, similar action may be taken in the Mysore State if this German subject visits the State.

Yours sincerely,

for Major Edwards.

B.T. Kesavaiengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Draft and fair acknowledging the letter putup. Draft of a letter forwarding a copy of the circular memorandum to the D.G.P for necessary action is subd for approval.

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THE RESIDENCY MYSORE

No.1/For/37

Intelligence Bureau,
Home Department, Government of India,
New Delhi, 15th March 1937.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM

Hermann Gunther Voosen, a German holding German passport No.97, issued in Boston, U.S.A on 26.7.34, with British visa No.34369, issued at Cologne on 9.9.36, arrived in Bombay from Europe by the s.s. "Conte Verde" on 16.12.36. He stated that he had come to tour India for about a month and that he intended to proceed to America via the Far East. Before his arrival in India, he described himself, on different occasions, as a foreign correspond nt, a merchant and a tourist.

2. Since his arrival in India he has proved himself distinctly undesirable. In Bombay he was penniless, though in possession of a steamer ticket for Japan by the Lloyd Triestino Shipping Company. Later in Bikaner and Gwalior he succeeded in getting accommodation for a time in State Guest Houses. His behaviour in Gwalior was considered objectionable in connection with women and the real objects of his visit were thought suspicious. In view of these facts, his continued presence in India is obviously undesirable, and it is suggested that he be located - he was in Gwalior and later in Agra, towards the end of February - and that such steps as may be found expedient be taken to accelerate his departure from India.

3. There is no objection to this information being published in Secret Abstracts or similar publications, if it is considered necessary.

Sd/- W.F.A. Hamilton.

-Copy-

Pol 1233

25th March 7.

Secret. CS 6-36-22a

Hermann Gunther Voosen.

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your Secret D.O. letter No. 18/37, dated 24th March 1937, and to state that action on the lines suggested will be taken should the individual referred to visit the State.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Send on Atm Fair Cby

25th March 1937.

Confidential.

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Hermann Gunther Voosen.

Dear Mr. Ramaswami

I am desired to enclose for your information a copy of Secret Circular Memorandum No. 1/For/37, dated 15th March 1937 from the Intelligence Bureau, Home Department, Government of India, received through the Residency, and to request that action may kindly be taken on the lines suggested therein if the person referred to visits the State.

Y. S.

H.V. Ramaswami, Esq., M.A., B.L.,
Offg. Inspector General of Police in Mysore,
Bangalore.

CB 1845

Secret
D.O.No.F.18/1937.

Bangalore, 19th April 1937.

C.B.
Encl
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Hermann Gunther Voosen.

Dear Mr Kesava Iengar

With reference to the correspondence ending with your secret demi-official letter No.Pol.1233/CB. 16-36, dated the 27th March 1937, I am desired to say that it is reported that Voosen left Benares about the 25th March for Calcutta en route to Mysore.

for personal

Yours Sincerely

H Weston

MS
21/4

1st enclosure to Diwan

B.T. Kesavaiengar Esq.,B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Issue the order

JPR
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D. O. No. (O) 2863.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

Bangalore, Dated 21st April 1937

Dear Mr.Noronha,

The file re facilities for Mr.Voosen is sent herewith. I am desired to request you to kindly communicate the Dewan's instructions by wire both to the Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore and to the Special Duty Officer, Government House, Mysore, for timely action being taken.

Yours sincerely,

by 21/4.

C.E.Noronha Esq., M.A.,
Private Secretary to the Dewan,
Camp Nilgiris.

Chief Secretary

Bangalore

Your message to daCosta regarding Voosen received stop
In circumstances daCosta advised to cancel all further
arrangements and get rid of him immediately
stop My phone message of yesterday stands cancelled

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Private Secretary to Dewan of Mysore,
Camp Fernhill. 22.4.=937.

To the Chief Secy., Bangalore.

Your message to Mr. Locke regarding Varier received. In circumstances Mr. Locke advised to cancel all further arrangements and get rid of him immediately. Stop. My phone message yesterday stands cancelled.

Regret.

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No. 76

Rec. 10.15 a.m.
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Date and Time 22.4.37
9:30 p.m.

WIRELESS MESSAGE

From	To
Baroda Civil House 00277605	The Private Secretary to The Dewan Jammu

I have received a message from the Chief Secretary to say that from information received from the Residency it has been found that the Character and antecedents of Mr Voosen the German journalist-

No. .....

Date and Time.....
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WIRELESS MESSAGE

From

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To

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Ber - are non - goods The Chief Secretary has asked us not to overdo things. I shall be grateful if you will submit this fact to the Dewan and enquire whether it is still his wish that the Camp at Bandipur and

No. .....

Date and Time.....
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WIRELESS MESSAGE

From

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To

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(Contd)

arrangements for sending him to Bangalore by car via Mandya and Srirasamudram should stand. = Reply =

J.P.Roy
20/4

Seen by Dewan.
Dpt: telegram to Calcutta.
Chief Secy. turn up as instructed
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20/4

Recd at 1:10 PM.

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CHIEF SECRETARY. 22 APR 193 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

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Chief Secretary
Bangalore

Your message to dacosta regarding
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dacosta advised to cancel all
further arrangements and get out
of Kollegal stop by plane

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Secret

S.B.A. No.17/37.

Special Branch Abstract for the week ending with Saturday, the 24th April 1937.

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Why no refce to previous S.B. report?
B.T.K.

The antecedents of this man had been communicated to the Police.'

Mr. H.G. Voosen, a German Journalist arrived in Mysore on 16th instant and is staying at the Staff Quarters as a State guest. It is ascertained that the individual has undertaken the tour to study the customs and civilisation of the people of the world and obtain first hand knowledge. He belongs to the diplomatic service. He is engaged in Mysore in seeing important places.

It is reported that he is proceeding to Bandipur on a shooting trip.

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Extract.

Confidential.

2680/C.B.16-86-173

D 28/4/37

Dear Mr. Ramasvami,

"W"

I am desired to invite reference to my confidential D.O. letter No. 2412/C.B. 16-36-152, dated 27th March 1937, forwarding for necessary action a copy of Secret Circular Memorandum dated 15th March 1937 from the Intelligence Bureau, Home Department, Government of India, regarding one Hermann Gunthur Voosen, a German subject. In view of his character and antecedents, it had been suggested that such steps as may be found expedient be taken to accelerate his departure from India and this information was also incorporated in the Mysore Police Special Branch Abstract for the week ending 10th April 1937. While this fact has been ~~reported~~ reported in the Special Branch Abstract for the week ending the 24th April 1937, no reference has been made in that connection to the previous record of the individual circulated in the previous weekly Special Branch Abstract. Neither was any special report sent to Government in the matter.

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It is understood that Voosen came to Mysore on the 14th inst. and stayed here for some days.

observe that time has been lacking in furnishing us the particulars in this connection and to I am to request you to kindly enquire why the C.I.D failed to note the arrival of this individual and what arrangements have been made thereafter his movements.

~~It is understood that Voosen came to Mysore on the 17th instant and stayed there for some days.~~ I am to observe that the Police should have been more alert and promptly reported to Government the arrival of Voosen in the State and his movements.

I am to add that instructions have been issued that no facilities need be afforded to him in the State and to request that definite information may be furnished

Confidential.

2686/C.B. 16-36-123

28th April 7

Dear Mr. Ramaswami,

I am desired to invite reference to my confidential D.O. letter No. 2412/C.B. 16-36-152, dated 27th March 1937, forwarding for necessary action a copy of Secret Circular Memorandum dated 15th March 1937 from the Intelligence Bureau, Home Department, Government of India, regarding one Hermann Gunthur Voosen, a German subject. In view of his character and antecedants, it had been suggested that such steps as may be found expedient be taken to accelerate his departure from India and this information was also incorporated in the Mysore Police Special Branch Abstract for the week ending 10th April 1937. It is understood that Voosen came to Mysore on the 17th instant and stayed there for some days. While this fact has been reported in the Special Branch Abstract for the week ending the 24th April 1937, no reference has been made in that connection to the previous record of the individual circulated in the previous weekly Special Branch Abstract. Neither was any special report sent to Government in the matter.

I am to observe that there has been lack of vigilence on the part of the Police in this connection and to request you to enquire why the C.I.D. failed to note the arrival of this individual and what arrangements had been made to watch his movements.

Y. S.

H.V. Ramasvami, Esq., M.A., B.L.,
Offg. Inspector General of Police in Mysore,
Bangalore.

CB. 1954

D. O. No. S.B. 167/36-37.

F. A. HAMILTON, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

BANGALORE

8th/10 M A Y 1937.

CB. 1875.

Dear Mr.Kesavaiengar,

With reference to your D.O.letter No.2684/CB.13-36-123 of the 28th April to Mr.H.V.Ramasvami observing that no special report was sent to Government in connection with the arrival at Mysore of one H.G.Voosen referred to in the Secret Memorandum No.1/For/1937 of the 15th March last forwarded with your D.O. of the 25th March, I write to state that on receipt of your D.O.in this office on the 29th idem,copies of the Secret Memorandum were immediately despatched to all the District Superintendents of Police and an extract also was published in the Special Branch Weekly Abstract for the week ending 10th April 1937.

An individual by name H.G.Voosen arrived at Mysore by the mail train from Bangalore on the 17th April last and was received at the Railway Station as a guest of the Government House, Mysore. This individual claimed to be a German Journalist on a world tour to study the customs and civilisations of the people and the circumstance that he was not shadowed during his journey and pointed out to the State Police and that he was received as a State guest at Mysore warded off any suspicion of his being identical with Herman Gunthur Voosen who, according to the Secret Memorandum, was passing as a foreign correspondent, merchant or tourist and was said to be penniless. In view of the initials, the name and nationality of the two being identical, confidential enquiries were however being made by the Mysore City Police to ascertain the identity of the individual and in the meanwhile he left Mysore, on the 23rd idem. Under the above circumstances it was not possible to ascertain definitely whether H.G.Voosen was identical with Herman Gunthur Voosen mentioned in the Secret Memorandum and submit a report to Government.

Yours sincerely,

F A Hamilton